Two-laning of NHs in Rajasthan

1933. SHRI MAHMOOD A. MADANI:
SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there are National Highways in Rajasthan having single lane width and intermediate lane width;

(b) if so, the action being taken by Government to make them two-lane wide and by when;

(c) whether it is a fact that the existing crust thickness of National Highways in Rajasthan State is much less than the required thickness as per IRC standards; and

(d) if so, what action is being taken by Government to make them as per IRC standard and by when?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Nearly 1060 km length of National Highways in Rajasthan which are entrusted to the State Government are having carriage way width less than 2 lanes. Widening to 2 lanes has been taken up in 217 km length under National Highway (Original) works and these works are in progress. Development of National Highways in the form of widening is a continuous process. During the current annual plan there is provision for widening to 2 lanes in 193 km length.

(c) and (d) Thickness or pavement in some stretches of National Highways, particularly in National Highways declared since February, 2004 are deficient with respect to the standards set in the relevant codes of IRC. Strengthening of pavements is a continuous process and is taken up within available resources and as per *inter-se* priority of other development works. No time-frame can be given for completion of strengthening of deficient pavements in the National Highways network in Rajasthan due to limited resources.

Work on National Highway 7

1934. DR. VIJAY MALLYA: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to undertake development of the National Highway 7 Shiridi Ghat section from Shakaleshpur to Mangalore;

(b) if so, the total cost of the project;

(c) the time-frame fixed to undertake and complete the project;

(d) whether there is any impediment in undertaking this project; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K. H. MUNIYAPPA): (a) to (e) Yes, Sir.